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Honorable Joe Simitian
State Capitol, Room 4062
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 202 (Simitian) Support

Dear Senator Simitian:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your SB 202, which would impose a fine or imprisonment or both upon any person, including a business or corporation, that purchases, sells, offers to purchase or sell, or conspires to purchase or sell any telephone calling pattern record or list, without first obtaining the written consent of the person making the call.

Public Utilities Code section 2891 currently prohibits telephone corporations from disseminating the personal calling patterns, financial information, services purchased or demographic information about a residential customer to any other person or corporation without first obtaining their written consent. Your bill would augment this statute by imposing a maximum fine of \$2500 fine and/or one year of imprisonment upon any person, as defined, involved in the unauthorized sale or purchase of the caller's private information without first obtaining the aforementioned consent.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your efforts to protect consumer's personal information and look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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